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The dead-lock at Albany continues, with Conkling's chances growing beautifully less as the days pass by. When the lightning will strike it is impossible to surmise, for the wounds of the factions are deeper than wells and wider than barn-doors.

The Star-Route investigation goes bravely on, with increasing developments of rascality, fraud and straight-out stealing. All the actors in the frauds are proven to be Stars in the grand Republican firmament; but they are now fallen so low that no man is so poor as to do them honor.

The Readjusters of Virginia met in convention at Richmond last week and nominated a State ticket composed of Readjusting Democrats and Republicans. But all is not lovely, for many of the straight Republicans are kicking, and it is probable they will hold another convention and put up a straight-out stalwart ticket. The State will go Democratic.

The New York Sun counsels the Democrats to form no combination with either of the warring Republican factions at Albany: "If the Democrats have not parted with all common sense, they will hold aloof from this strife, and emulate the example of the affectionate wife in the fight between the bear and her husband." It's pretty good advice, too.

Rev. De Witt Talmage does not take stock in the revised Bible. He declares it will multiply infidelity and pronounce the revision a literary blot. It will never be adopted in this country, if the fearless criticism of people speaks out its mind. I reject this revision because it is a mechanical failure; because the verses and headings have been abandoned. Here is a paragraph a column and a half long, in the middle of which are buried the blessed words "Jesus wept," instead of standing out in solitude, with all their grandeur, pathos, tenderness and omnipotent meaning. I reject the new version because of its amazing triviality. You remember Christ's sermon, when he speaks of putting new wine into old bottles. The new version substitutes the word "skins," as if they could not explain bottles as well as "skins." "Show me a penny," said Christ. The revisers say, "Show me a denarius." The old translation was too much for the delicacy of the Americans. Part of the New Testament Company where it says "for He was naked," the American Committee chose that it should read "had on His undergarments only." The new version shows the faith of the great multitude in the Bible and gave color to the attacks of infidelity. He deplored the circulation of statements that there are forty errors in the King James version of the Sermon on the Mount and 150,000 errors in the New Testament. He believed the revision would make more infidels than the 38 revisors could reclaim in the 999 years of Methuselah and a half-dozen other biblical patriarchs of great age combined.

We see from a Washington special to the St. Louis Republican that Star-Route Brady's Sunday organ, the Capital, made a furious assault on the President last Sunday apropos of the employment of A. M. Gibson to aid in the star-route investigation. Gibson was until recently the Washington correspondent of the New York Sun. The Capital concludes as follows a two-column editorial addressed to the President:

"The issue is the simplest one that could be framed in language. If Mr. Gibson is not a libeller, you are a bribe-taker, thief, perjurer, and suborner of perjury and forgery. If you are not a bribe-taker, perjurer, thief, and suborner of perjury and forgery, Mr. Gibson is a libeller under the criminal statute. One of you ought to be in the penitentiary, and that upon your own respective showings of record." Both of you cannot be at large without an outrage upon the first principles of justice; and yet we are told by the New York Times that Mr. Gibson has been retained with your approval in a capacity the most responsible, most delicate, and requiring the highest type of honor, integrity and trustworthiness. Surely, Mr. President, there must be some mistake about this; but if there is a mistake it is a dreadful one—a mistake that will haunt you to your dying day, and damn your memory long after you are dead, as the only President of the United States who ever voluntarily certified to the honor, integrity and trustworthiness of a man who for nine years has steadily branded you as a bribe-taker, thief, liar, perjurer, and suborner of perjury and forgery."

The inference from the above diatribe is that the star-route fellows are afraid of Gibson, and they have adopted this method of frightening the President into dismissing him. It will probably not succeed, though there is a deal of cold, grim logic in the utterances of Brady's organ.

MANY persons take medicine for their ailments and as soon as they feel better they disregard all directions and stop taking it. They try it again and again, and finally throw it aside as worthless, when, had it been persevered in from the start, permanent cure would have been effected. Now in taking **FAIRCHILD'S ANTI-BILIOUS** for all complaints of the Stomach and Bowels, remember to give the medicine a chance and don't expect one or two doses to cure you.

Does Prohibition Prohibit?

BY THOMAS CALAHAN.

In considering this question, it may not be amiss to give a brief history of the rise and progress of the prohibitory movement.

Some fanciful writers have asserted that each quarter of each century, is introduced by the occurrence of some of some remarkable event, or the setting on foot of some great work.

Without accepting this idea as generally true, it is certain that the second quarter of the present century was inaugurated by a host of new forms of agencies both for good and evil appearing on the stage. A list of those agencies, a history of their progress and present status, and an analysis of their moral character as shown by their development, would be exceedingly interesting if time permitted them to be given.

But our attention must at this time be confined to one phase of these agencies, or one made by which they carried on their work. About that time there arose a host of Voluntary Associations, not only independent of both Church and State, but avowedly set on foot for the purpose of revolutionizing both. Some of these associations selected one objective point, and some another. Prominent among them were those who preached crusades against Slavery and Drunkenness.

Dr. Lyman Beecher led the assault on the last named sin, by his "Seven Sermons on Intemperance." They were vigorous productions. At first the movement only contemplated saving those who had not yet formed the habit of drinking. The drunkards being supposed to be joined to their idols, were to be left alone. Things ran along under this idea for about fifteen years, when the drunkards disgusted at being placed outside of the pale of reformation, about 1841 organized the Washingtonian Movement, in which no man was permitted membership who had not been a habitual drunkard.

To get even with the clergy for leaving them out in the cold, they never permitted a minister to take any part in their meetings; and the clergy resenting the idea that any man should dare refer to, without consulting them, denounced the Washingtonians, calling them Atheists, and Infidels, and what was expected to scare people worse than both the other names they called them Radicals.

But no matter what the assailants of the movement might say or do, it gave proof that it was a good tree, in the fact that it bore good fruit, in taking out of the gutter, and restoring to respectability and usefulness many of the most talented men of the country.

This movement culminated near the close of 1842, many of the movers going into the prior organizations.

In 1843 there was a great eruption of diseases arising from a typhoid condition of the human body. This brought brandy to the aid of one party, and quinine as an ally to the other, so that the question of their relative strength, was not materially affected, and it has so continued to the present day.

Up to this present day, after fifty years, probation prohibition has not prohibited; will it in the future? The answer is, No. The causes which have defeated it in the past, will do worse in the future, for they are increasing every day. The great secret of failure, is in the fact that the proper remedy is not applied at the right place.

The true objective point in all judicious prohibitory legislation, is not the prevention of the manufacture and sale of liquor, but to eradicate drunkenness. Alcoholism is not a radical or primitive difficulty. It is a result of the destruction or derangement of the equilibrium between the nervous and circulating system in our organization. In the destruction or derangement of that balance, no other agencies are more effective than hurry, worry, rush and excitement. Men call them enterprise, but in the main they are merely the spirit of unrest. They exhaust our vitality, and by compelling us to discount the future heavily, render stimulation necessary to meet the demands of the present. To such an extent has this gone, that within the period covered by our inquiry insanity among farmers has increased from fifteen to eighty-eight ten-thousandths, or almost six-fold.

If the people of Kansas expect that they will be able to maintain their prohibitory legislation, and at the same time continue in their wild, headlong, speculative excitement, they are laboring under the wildest kind of lunacy. The main result will be a tremendous amount of crooked swearing.

If Prohibition is going to succeed a prohibitory amendment must be introduced into the moral constitution of the people; and for this work we look to the Church.

Where does it stand in this struggle? The answer in truth must be that it preaches the gospel of unrest, and has done so for the last fifteen years.

During that period, there has been a rapid decadence in the moral power of the Church. To such an extent has the Church become conformed to the world, that it has almost ceased to be a power for good. This is uttered with

the deepest sorrow, but with a solemn conviction that it is true.

Almost fifty years of observation and experience has shown the writer, that there is but one way in which prohibition will prohibit, and that has been referred to already. If the Church fails, let me and you, dear reader, if it has not already been done, see that a prohibitory amendment may be introduced into our moral constitution, guarding against drunkenness by guarding against whatever by overtaxing and so deranging our organization, demands stimulation, and so leads to drunkenness.

It is true that while so doing we will not make any noise in the world, we will not organize any political parties to elect any old suckers who may have been drinking cold water occasionally for awhile, by way of penance; but we can protect ourselves, and lead quiet and peaceable lives in godliness and honesty, and that is a great deal in these days. But these although great are by no means all the advantages that will arise. We can have ample scope for all our talents, and not be busybodies in other men's matters.

So long as the use of alcohol is a necessity in the arts and sciences, the manufacture and sale of it must continue to be a legitimate business; and so long as that is true, prohibitory legislation cannot wall up the door of the dealer in alcohol; but the constitutional amendment of the individual can put a muzzle on his mouth by removing the desire or need of stimulation from his stomach.

A Lovely Lot.

A few days ago Mr. A. M. Gibson, for several years the Washington correspondent of the New York Sun, was appointed a Government detective through the Blaine influence and was set to work on the Star Route business. Gibson had affected the detective role before joining the ranks of journalism. As a Star correspondent he did some effective work in hunting down the Radical rascals and finding out the secrets of the political rings of both parties. His salary was not large, but he managed in a short time to accumulate considerable property. He purchased a fine house a nice pair of horses, and he has been noted for some time as one of the swells of Washington. It is claimed that he didn't always print as much information as he gathered, and there are hints that he earned more by suppression than publication. At all events his record is a little crooked. The Star Route swindlers are after his scalp. He has sworn to send Dorsey to the penitentiary, and Dorsey's friends have sworn to send him up the road first. It will be seen at a glance that this is a combination well calculated to entice Washington during the dull summer season.—Post-Dispatch.

Southeasterlings.

THE prospects are good for an immense crop of potatoes in Mississippi county. The prospects are good for all kinds of grapes, wild and cultivated, in Stoddard county.

THE St. Louis and Texas Narrow Gauge Railroad Co. expect to be running trains from St. Louis to Malden, Dunklin county, within four months.

FROM the Courier we learn that it is in contemplation to build a narrow gauge railroad from Cape Girardeau to Jackson, thence north through Perry county.

WE have received the premium list of the Seventeenth Annual Fair of the Southeastern District Agricultural Society, to be held at Cape Girardeau county, October 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, and 15th.

THE Charleston Sentinel says: From what we observe and learn, we feel safe in saying that the present wheat crop in this [Mississippi] county will average 20 bushels to the acre. Harvesting will begin in ten days.

THE New Madrid Record has been informed by Maj. C. F. Stephens, Chief Engineer of the Texas and St. Louis Railroad, that the contract for constructing the road from the city of New Madrid to Bird's Point has been let, and grading will commence within a few weeks.

A FEW years back Madison county had a large bonded debt; but having a good County Court for several years past, who have been constantly decreasing it, the debt is now only \$3,500, and last month the court levied a special tax to pay it all off when it becomes due and payable the first of March next.

THE surveyors of the Texas and St. Louis and Texas Narrow Gauge Railroad are now locating the line in this State from Malden to the Arkansas line. The probabilities are that the road will pass through or near both Clarkton and Kennett, in Dunklin county, traversing an excellent country for cotton and corn, and the best watermelon region in the State.

THE Citizen says articles of incorporation have been filed in the Recorder's office of that county by the Saxon Colony for Agriculture and Manufacture in Butler county. This company is composed of some Germans living in St. Louis, and C. F. Heinrichs, of Poplar Bluff. The capital stock of the company is four thousand dollars, and operations will be commenced at once in the southern portion of the county.

From Annapolis.

ANAPOLIS, Mo., June 5th, 1881.

Ed. Register—Having just been reading the REGISTER, my eyes caught the caption, "Gulliver's Trip Down the Road," and I thought that a denunciation of many of his falsehoods was now in order.

As for his praise of Ironton, we have no fault to find; for we admire Ironton as a city, and respect its inhabitants, who are a social and a generous-hearted people. But when "Gulliver" presumes to cast reproach on Annapolis, by willful falsehoods, we object by contradicting his statements, viz.:

1st. There is not now, nor ever was there, three saloons at this place.

2d. There is a population of over 100, instead of 40, at this place.

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We would advise "Gulliver," the next time he starts out, to try and procure "stamps" enough to pay for his hack; and when he writes fiction, to infuse a little wit or humor, so we can determine which he would rather be—a knave or a fool.

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